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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REPRESENTING FILE SYSTEM
METADATA WITHIN A DATABASE FOR
EFFICIENT QUERIES

Examiner: M. Le

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Sir:

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Statement of Related Application Information

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending patent application(s), which is/are assigned to the assignee of the present application, and which may be relevant to the present application. Office Actions have been received in these applications and are available through the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. If the Examiner so requests, Applicant will provide the Examiner with copies of these Office Actions.

Examiner's Initials	Co-Pending Patent Applications
1)	Serial No. 10/799,861 filed March 12, 2004 On the Fly Summarization of File Walk Data Office Action dated October 16, 2008 Office Action dated April 21, 2008
2)	Serial No. 10/798,990 filed 12 March 2004 Pre-Summarization and Analysis of results Generated By an Agent Office Action dated May 5, 2008 Office Action dated August 18, 2008
3)	Serial No. 11/848,165 filed August 30, 2007 Storage Resource Management Across Multiple Paths

Applicants respectfully request that the above-listed items Not be printed on the face of any patent which may issue from the present application.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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